

State	Reserves (in million tonnes)	Expenditure incurred (Approximate) (in Rs. crores)	1	2	3
			Maharashtra	Ib-River Wardha Valley	(a) Budhajharia (b) Maser-Pirli-Pavna (c) West of Saoner
West Bengal	1350.84	2.75			
Bihar	413.62	2.06			
Madhya Pradesh	803.21	7.58			
Orissa	1363.16	4.14			
Andhra Pradesh	36.73	2.69			

(Source: GSI)

(c) The details of on-going exploration operations being undertaken by GSI during the field season and the fund allocation in respect thereof are as under:-

State	Coalfield	Area of Operation	1	2	3
West Bengal	Raniganj	(a) Bistupur-Dandeswar			
		(b) Trans-Damodar			
Bihar	Rajmahal-Malda	(c) Berul-Bagdiha			
		Rajmahal-Malda Master Basin	(a) Balurghat-Hilli		
Madhya Pradesh	East Bokaro	Master Basin			
		(a) Koiyotanaser (East)			
Bihar	Auranga	(a) Latehar			
		Rajmahal Group of Coalfields	(a) Urma-Paharitola		
Madhya Pradesh	Hasdo-Arand	(b) Chaudhar-Gariapani			
		(a) Kente			
Orissa	Mand-Raigarh	(a) Nagdarna			
		(b) Ongana-Potiya			
Bihar	Korba	(a) Karkoma			
		(a) Batura			
Madhya Pradesh	Sohagpur	(b) Kelmenia-Mithauri			
		(c) Shadol			
Orissa	Tatapani-Ramkola	(a) Meghuli			
		(b) Dhamni			
Bihar	Singrauli	(c) Sursa			
		(a) Singrauli Main Basin			
Bihar	Talcher	(a) North of Akhrapal & Srirampur			
		(b) Bagharia-Aunli			
Bihar		(c) Kosala (East)			

Total allocation of fund during the year 1996-97 (till December, 1996) for above operations is around 11.9 crores.

(Source : GSI)

[English]

#### Relaxation in Licencing Norms

3266. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have relaxed the licencing norms for 161 consumer items in a bid to free the consumer goods sector from State control;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the extent by which the relaxation of import restrictions have been helpful to the Government?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (c) As part of the ongoing process of review of the Export and Import Policy, changes in the Import Policy of a few items, have recently been made as per details indicated in Ministry of Commerce Notification No. 23 (RE-96) dated 10.2.1997, copies of which are available in the Parliament Library. As the notification has been recently issued, it would be difficult to make any assessment regarding annual duty likely to be earned by Government on account of import of these items or their impact on indigenous industry.

#### Public Investment Board

3267. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether his ministry had proposed to clip powers of the Public Investment Board;
- (b) if so, whether the Ministries and Departments are likely to be given powers to clear the projects in consultation with it and the Planning Commission;
- (c) if so, whether the proposal also envisaged that projects should not be cleared on the basis of Projects Authorities providing token funds;